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Enclosed herewith is a new patent application and the following papers:

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Title of Invention: MERCHANT BRANDED SOFTWARE

1.  Specification 23 pages (including spec, claims, abstract) / 46 claims (6 independent)
2.  Declaration/Power of Attorney is:
  - attached in the regular manner.
  - NOT included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f).
3.  9 Distinct sheets of  Formal  Informal Drawings
4.  Preliminary Amendment.
5.  Information Disclosure Statement
  - Form 1449
  - A copy of each cited prior art reference
6.  Assignment with Cover Sheet.
7.  Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) based upon the following application(s):

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)

8.  Priority document(s).
9.  Claiming Small Entity Status.
10.  Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix).
11.  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission.
  - Computer Readable Copy.
  - Paper Copy (identical to computer copy).

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**12. Calculation of Fees:**

FEES FOR	EXCESS CLAIMS	FEE	AMOUNT DUE
Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. 1.16(a))			\$710.00
Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	46 - 20 = 26	18.00	\$468.00
Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	6-3 = 3	80.00	\$240.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))	0	130.00	\$0.00
Subtotal - Filing Fee Due			\$1418.00
	REDUCE BY (%)   (\$)		
Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	50% reduction		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE DUE</b>			<b>\$1418.00</b>
Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. 1.21(h))	0	40.00	\$40.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL DUE</b>			<b>\$1458.00</b>

**13. PAYMENT is:**

included – Please accept this paper as a general authorization under 37 C.F.R. 1.25(b), second sentence, to debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for the instant filing and for any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17.

not included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f).

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